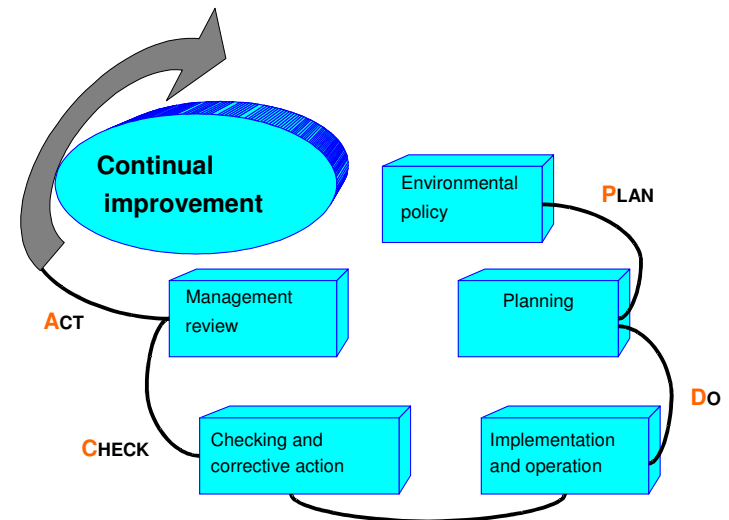**Environmental Policy of the U.S. Army Garrison, Kaiserslautern**

1. The mission of the U.S. Army Garrison (USAG), Kaiserslautern is to support troop unit readiness by operating, maintaining, and repairing the infrastructure and facilities within the garrison.

2. The USAG Kaiserslautern is committed to comply with the Final Governing Standards and all other applicable legal environmental requirements. To sustain this commitment, the Garrison has implemented an Environmental Management System (EMS) in accordance with the Executive Order 13148, 26 April 2000. This EMS fully conforms with the requirements of the ISO 14001:2004.

3. Every Commander, unit, agency, organization, tenant, and individual within the USAG Kaiserslautern is responsible to support and fulfill all identified EMS requirements in a proactive manner.

4. The Management Representative has full authority to ensure that the EMS is implemented, documented and maintained. The Management Representative is reporting regularly to the Commander of the USAG Kaiserslautern.

5. The USAG Kaiserslautern will continually review our activities and services to identify significant aspects, and will consider these significant aspects when establishing and reviewing environmental objectives and targets of the Garrison. The realization of objectives and targets facilitates the continual improvement of the EMS and our overall environmental program.

6. The USAG Kaiserslautern is committed to ensure that all activities identify and address pollution prevention opportunities in the Garrison, and assist in meeting or exceeding Army goals for pollution prevention.

7. The environmental policy statement will be communicated to all personnel working for or on behalf of the USAG Kaiserslautern, including all tactical units, tenants, and contractors within the Garrison. In addition, this policy is available to the public via our Public Affairs Office.

EMS

Environmental management system
according to ISO 14001:2004

of the U.S. Army Garrison, Kaiserslautern

Continual improvement

Environmental policy — **P**LAN

Planning — **D**O

Management review — **A**CT

Checking and corrective action — **C**HECK

Implementation and operation

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What is

…an **EMS**?

An   **E**nvironmental
       Management
       System

is a management system helping to comply with all legal regulations and comprehensive bodies of legislation of the environmental law and to guarantee the adequate operating of plants & activities according to the environmental law. The basis for this system is the ISO 14001:2004.

…an **MHB**?

The   **M**anagement
       Hand**b**ook

includes the description of all process organizations and basic regulations for the environmental protection inside the U.S. Army Garrison, Kaiserslautern. It's an integrated part of the existing management system.

…a **MR**?

The   **M**anagement
       Representative

is the responsible person inside the U.S. Army Garrison, Kaiserslautern caring for the EMS. He reports directly to the Commander.

For the U.S. Army Garrison, Kaiserslautern, the **Chief of the Environmental Management Division** is the MR. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact him. His phone number is: DSN: **483-6213**.

…a **CFT**?

The   **C**ross
       Functional
       Team

is a group of people supporting the *MR*. It's split into

a *decision group*:
- deciding essential steps for the EMS establishment
- ensuring the continual improvement of the EMS

& a *work group*:
- contributing to the completion of upcoming actions.

Can everybody support the EMS?

Yes, each staff member is part of the system to ensure continual improvement.
The system considers environmental aspects like:
- **Waste**
- **Air pollution**
- **Water/ sewage**
- **Handling of HAZMAT**
- **Energy & resources**
- **Soil & groundwater clean up.**

What are the benefits of the EMS?

- Increasing legal compliance
- Improvement of environmental protection
- Economical effects (waste, energy)
- Diminished liability risk
- Improvement of the organization
- More transparency
- Improved image outwards
- Increasing motivation for employees
- Cooperation with authorities.

How does the path for the EMS look like?

1. **Environmental policy**
   → Guidelines of the commander

2. **Planning (P**LAN**)**
   → Environmental aspects
   → Legal & other requirements
   → Objectives, targets & programs

3. **Implementation and operation (D**O**)**
   → Resources, roles, responsibility & authority
   → Competence, training, awareness & communication
   → Documentation
   → Operations & emergency preparedness

4. **Checking and corrective action (C**HECK**)**
   → Monitoring
   → Evaluation of compliance
   → Nonconformity, corrective & preventive action
   → Control of records
   → Internal audit

5. **Management review (A**CT**)**